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RESPONSE TO APRIL 13, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 13, 2005 ("Office Action"). A petition for a three-month extension of time and the required fee are filed herewith. With the extension, the due date for response is October 13, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the required fee are also filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-517.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.